

BULLETIN



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Thank you for taking the time to read our school bulletin. It is an important way to keep in touch with what is happening at our school and to know what your child will be doing. Please keep this bulletin somewhere where you will be able to refer to it so you will know about special coming events.

Dear Parents and carers,

FAREWELL TO MS DEACON and MULTICULTURAL FEAST NIGHT Wednesday 20th November, 2013— 5pm-7pm

We will be having our **Farewell to Ms Deacon and Multicultural Feast Night** on Wednesday 20th November 2013 between 5pm and 7pm. Parents, carers and students are invited to come along and celebrate together as we share a multicultural feast and say our goodbyes to Ms Deacon, as she will not be returning to VEPS in 2014. We are asking for any donations of food, cans of drink or cakes on the day. Food will cost \$5 a plate and money raised will go towards literacy and numeracy resources.

All children coming to the feast will need to be accompanied by an adult to, during and leaving the event.

On Thursday 7th November our School Captain **Zafir Ali** was invited to attend the Director's Choice Awards Ceremony at Sydney Sports Stadium and assist with the presentation of awards to Principals and schools. We are very proud of Zafir as he was an outstanding representative of our school.

From the 25th October to 6th December, Miss Marshall will be the Relieving Principal as I will be taking some leave. When I return on 9th December, I will be the Relieving Principal again until the end of the term.

Kindergarten Orientation— Thank you to all parents and students who have been participating in the Kindergarten Orientation. The last visit is coming up on Wednesday 20th November. Thank you to all the hard working staff that have provided the opportunity for a smooth transition for the children as they look at starting school next year.

Life Education—During the last week we have had the Life Education van and Healthy Harold at school where students have been learning about healthy lifestyles and keeping themselves safe. Students have been talking about what they learnt when in the playground and class, which shows how positive and engaging the experience was for them. Thank you to Mrs O'Sullivan for organising the Life Education visit.

Hats and Water - The weather will be getting hotter as we head into Summer. Please ensure your child has water and a hat and is dressed appropriately for hot weather.

Enrolments for Kindergarten 2014 – Enrolments are now being accepted for Kindergarten 2014. Children turning 5 by the end of July 2014 are eligible to apply. Please ask at the front Office of the school for an enrolment pack.

SCHOOL TIMES

School begins each day with a bell at 9:15a.m and the students move to class at 9:15a.m.

Students should not be at school before 8:45a.m.

THERE ARE NO TEACHERS ON DUTY UNTIL 8:45 a.m.

PLEASE DO NOT SEND YOUR CHILD TO SCHOOL BEFORE THIS TIME.

Enrolments for Preschool for 2014 – Children turning 4 by the end of July 2014 are eligible to apply to attend preschool at Villawood East PS. Please ask at the front office for a waiting list form.

Holiday Exemptions- If you intend to go away with the family before the end of the school year it is important that you apply for an attendance exemption for your child. Please enquire at the front office. If you will still be away with your family at the start of the 2014 school year please enquire at the front office for an exemption application.

Road Safety- The roads outside schools are busy before and after school. There are some important things for everyone to remember. In the mornings children are to enter the school through the pedestrian gate near the school office. In the afternoon children are to exit school at the pedestrian gate near the school garden. No children should enter or exit the school through the driveway. Children should only cross the road at Lowana Street at the pedestrian crossing. Parents and carers driving cars should observe the road rules. I speak to the children regularly about road safety and reinforce the importance about crossing roads safely at the pedestrian crossing. I also remind the children about entering and exiting the school at the pedestrian gates. I would appreciate it if you could also reinforce these important messages about road safety with your child. Please note – Bankstown Police and Bankstown Council have been implementing extra patrols of the streets outside our school.

Miss D Penrose
Relieving Principal



Ancient Egypt Burial Practices

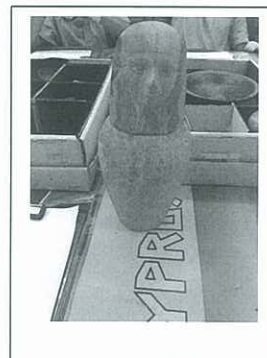
In Ancient Egypt, about 2000 years ago, the Egyptians used special jars to prepare corpses for burial.

Four **canopic** jars stored the internal organs of the dead person. These four jars were like brothers. They each had a different type of face. The Jackal (Duamutef) jar stored the stomach, the Baboon (Hapy) had the lungs, the Falcon (Qebehsenuf) had the intestines and the Human (Imsety) had the liver.

This information was obtained from the Nicholson Museum at the University of Sydney, as well as in VEPS library in the nonfiction section, at number 932.

Researched by Feras, Yazan, Eli, Ramez, Kamel and Ronnie

VEPS thank Compass for giving Year 4 students the opportunity to learn about ancient history.



Dates for the Calendar for 2013

Tuesday 19th November—Stage 2 and 3 Fitness Worx Bootcamp

Wednesday 20th November - Ms Deacon's Farewell and Multicultural Feast evening
- Kindergarten Orientation Day 4

Thursday 21st—Yr 6 visit to the Kokoda Track Memorial

Friday 22nd November—Sports in Schools Demonstration lessons for K-6

Monday 2nd December—Books in Homes Assembly

Wednesday 4th December—Yr 6 High School Orientation Day

Thursday 5th December—P & C Christmas Stall

Monday 9th December—K-6 Assembly

Wednesday 11th December—Recognition Day Assembly

Thursday 12th December—VEPS IDOL

Friday 13th December—Preschool Graduation

Monday 16th December—Yr 6 Farewell

Wednesday 18th December - Last Day of Term 4 for students

2014 School terms:

Term 1: Wednesday 29th January—Friday 11th April

Term 2: Tuesday 29th April—Friday 27th June

Term 3: Tuesday 15th July—Friday 19th September

Term 4: Tuesday 7th October—Wednesday 17th December